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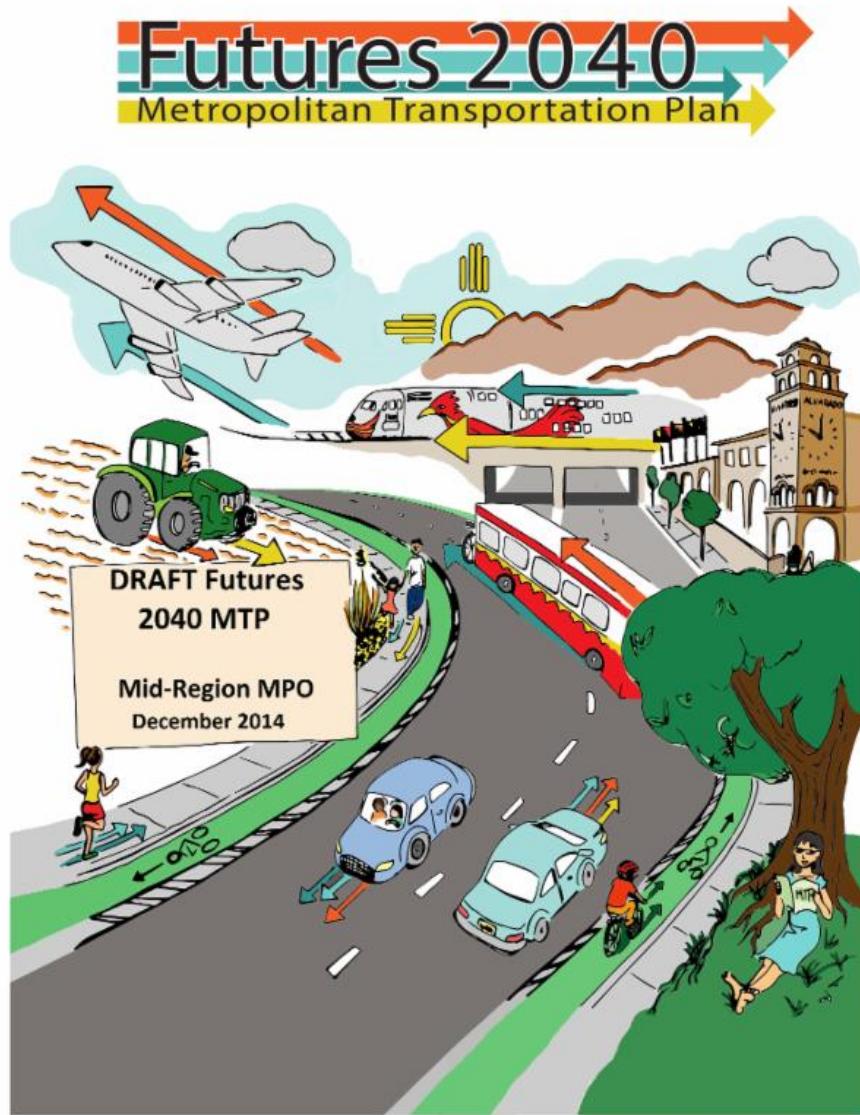
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DRAFT Futures 2040 MTP Released



The Draft Futures 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) has been released and is ready for public review. The electronic version of the plan can be downloaded from the [MRCOG website](#). MRMPO will be accepting public comments on the draft plan until 5 PM on Monday, January 30, 2015. Comments on the plan can be sent via email to mtpcomments@mrcog-nm.gov or by hard copy (sent to MRMPO attn: Tara Cok, 809 Copper Ave NW, ABQ, NM 87102).

Three public meetings will be held in early to mid January to go over the findings of the draft plan and solicit further public feedback. The meetings will be held in Bernalillo, Sandoval, and Valencia Counties. Dates and locations of the meetings will be announced soon.

New to the plan this time around are the incorporation of findings from a major scenario planning process, which includes a "Preferred Scenario" that examines how transportation conditions could be improved through different development patterns. The new Long-Range Transportation System (LRTS) Guide is included in the Appendix of the document. LRTS will provide guidance on regional roadway design in consideration of the surrounding land use context as well as the function of the roadway itself to promote a more safe, efficient, and connected multimodal transportation network. The Plan also considers climate change impacts and resiliency measures for the first time (see [here](#) for more information on the Central New Mexico Climate Change Scenario Planning Project).

Other themes that emerged from the updated plan are the need to more highly prioritize roadway maintenance and preservation and account for their costs; the need to respond to and plan for changing demographics and market preferences to keep our region economically competitive; and the importance of the linkages between public health and transportation. In Futures 2040, transit is highlighted as a critical piece to ensuring regional mobility as well as supporting the Preferred Scenario.

For any questions on the plan, contact Aaron Sussman at 505-724-3631 or asussman@mrcog-nm.gov.

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